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Dear Josh:

Sorry for the delay but I have been in transit, having arrived at Cold Spring Harbor a little over a week ago. This is a "permanent change". In any case, I will probably be here for at least a year.

This automatically, of course, prevents me from working with virulent *Pasteurella pestis*. If time permits I intend to look for evidence for recombination in *P. pestis* employing the growth factor requirements, rhamnose utilization, and phage resistance as markers. I would be glad to communicate with Devignat when I get into this phase of the work. I will be devoting most of my time (when facilities become available) to a reexamination of mutations to itaconate and mesaconate utilization in *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and the effect of such mutations on the ability of the cells to oxidize TCA cycle compounds. This will be a repeat of some of the work performed several years ago, which you are familiar with. This time, however, I will be working at the enzyme level and hope to clear up the problem.

Do you happen to have Stanier's strain of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* A 3.7? If so, I would appreciate a transplant.

Now that I am on the East Coast I hope I will be able to see you when you are in the neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,



Ellis Englesberg